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1. PLEASE PROVIDE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON REFTEL. WHO WAS AUTHOR AND WHAT WAS HE DOING IN SRI LANKA? WHAT WERE FEBRUARY 14 DISCUSSIONS IN NEW DELHI? HOW DOES AGRICULTURE'S PROPOSAL FIT IN WITH OUR CURRENT DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES? IS THIS PROPOSAL FOR AN ADDITIONAL 50,000 TONS BEYOND THE PRESENT 200,000 TONS OF FLOUR, OR WOULD IT REPLACE PART OF THE 200,000 MT ALLOCATION?

2. GIVEN FACT THAT PRICE DIFFERENTIAL HAS WORKED AGAINST COMMERCIAL IMPORTS OF U.S.-ORIGIN WHEAT AND WHEAT FLOUR IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAST, DO YOU BELIEVE THERE IS LIKELIHOOD OF SRI LANKA UTILIZING U.S.-ORIGIN WHEAT GRAIN FOR FUTURE TRINCOMALEEE MILL ON COMMERCIAL BASIS, OR WOULD GSL BUY U.S. WHEAT ONLY IF IT WERE FINANCED THROUGH PL 480 PROGRAM? VANCE

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